Richardson Leads.

Insta, Dec. 15.—When the Kent county recount was finished Belkings but five plurality in the district. Up to noon today Hichardson had gained seven in Ionia, putting him two ahead in the district. This is not a final dediston, as many ballots are only saids under advisement.

DETROIT, Dec. 15.-There have been because, and it was finally discovered that the thief was a policeman. He has been discharged from the force and the matter hushed up.

Three Horses Smothered

Kalamazoo, Dec. 15,—C. D. Root's barn caught fire this afternoon and three horses were amothered. Mrs. Root rescued one. The loss is \$1,000;

Ross Had Revenge.

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HERSEY, Dec. 16.—In the Ross arson case, the evidence so far adduced by the people goes to show that Ross, who was a druggist, was angry because the common council of Chase several times refused to accept his liquor bonds, and threatened to have revenge. He said the village might some time desire a drug store—"in what might remain of the town." Shortly before the fire he obtained insurance on his drug store obtained insurance on his drug store for \$500 in favor of a Mr. Mathews, who held a mortgage on his stock. All witnesses are excluded from the court room. Ross has obtained bail.

Sr. CLAIR, Dec. 15 .- The city is alive Sr. Clair, Dec. 15.—The city is alive with enthusiasm over the proposed new ratiroad between Detroit and Port Huron. Citizens' meetings are being held in its interest. A live committee has been appointed here, and is already at work securing the right of way at all points where that preliminary has not already been completed. The most sanguine hopes are entertained of the success of the enterprise.

Mr. Patterson's Oratory. HELISDALE, Dec. 15 -- The thirty-third annual oratorical junior prize contest of the Alpho Kappa Phi society was held last night. The prize was awarded to G. L. Patterson of Marshall, for his oration on "Eallot Reform, the Need of the Nation," E. P. S. Miller of Pentwater, second. Other contestants were F. P. Wells, Buffalo, N. Y.; S. Van Aiken, Angoia, Ind.; C. H. Aivord and G. S. Hadley, Hillstale.

Are Getting Liberal,

Ass Asson, Dec. 15.—Prior to 1882, only a personal piedge was required as a condition to membership in the S. C. A. In that year the stricter conditions of membership in some evangelical church were prescribed. Protests have been raised against this condition ever since. At a meeting which began last night and continued until early this morning; it was decided to return to first principles.

Another Summer Hotel.

ALGONAC, Dec. 15 .- It is stated her on good authority that a syndicate of Detroit capitalists will erect a large summer hotel on Kendall's Point about ode mile above the town, on the St. Clair river. The site chosen is one of the finest, commanding a grand view of the St. Clair river and the different

Bishop Paret, of the protestant Episcopal diocese of Maryland and the District of Columbia, will soon have built a steamer which will be fitted as bishop and his assistants to the oyster dredging grounds on Sunday, where Everybody knows Charlie Duchet, who is a typical western character.

C. P. House, formerly of St. Louis, has returned from Burmah, where in six years he amassed a fortune in trade.

He brings the interesti He brings the interesting report that "any shrewd man can get rich in a few years in Burmah."

Flint is financially embarrassed. Saginaw wants a new charter.

OWNED NO SOCIAL SUPERIOR.

The Early New England Farmer Not Like His Prototype of the Present Day. The first most forceful and most conus social fact in the early New spicuous social fact in the England community, where almost everybody was a farmer, was the leveling of the class distinction. The soil tiller who owned his land might have to toil for a living like a serf, but the Yale Review says he never incurred the serf's degradation. Around him and on the same level the great mass of the community were his fellow farmers whom he never gazed upon from below, either as a matter of social rank or from the plane of inferior vocation. Slightly beneath him were the class of farm laborers not many, when wooded lands were cheap, nor profoundly low-ered as a class, in days when farmers themselves interchanged services and toiled even harder than their own field hands. The country merchant was, unless exceptionally rich, the farmer's peer, no better and no worse, in the social scale. Above the farmer stood only the men of the professions, usually college graduates, including the minister and the squirenrelu. But these, while they formed a certain distinctive "cult," were too few to be a very strongly exaphasized group or impress the class distinction harshly. Of the two most prominent, the minister, vested with powers well-nigh pontifical, yet held them not of men; and the old country squires, under the microscope of time and New England novels, have obtained in our day a greatly magnified importance which they never really sessed. If the farmer had to wreatle hard with his niggard sells and had slight education and few creature comforts, he had, as offsets, simple wants, social equality and an assertive man-



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He is Offered the Secretary of

Cleveland Starts His Boasted Reform With an Attempt to Mussle the Tammany Tiger.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 15,-The Times-Union tonight, under a Washington date, says:

United States Senator Hill has been tendered the portfolio secretary of state by President-elect Cleveland. This is following the custom to give their leading opponent the portfolio. United States Senator Hill was approached while in New York by a close friend of Mr. Cleveland. As a result Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill met in Baltimore later on, and Mr. Cleveland in person tendered Mr. Hill the portfolio of state.

This would result in the following changes in New York state. Governor Flower and the Hon. Edward Murphy, Jr., will be both sent to the United States senate, placing Lieutenant Governor Sheehan in the governor's chair.

PROBING A VOLCANO.

A Walking-Stick Almost Causes the Destruction of its Owner

It was in 1779 that Papandaljan, the Japanese Vesuvius, broke forth in its worst eruption of ashes and scorie, dealing death and ruin over a radius of seven miles; sweeping into eternity 3,000 peaceful inhabitants of the forty villages destroyed, all in a single night, writes Theodore Purdy in the New York Mail and Express.

Next day the sun smiled down upon

the scene, and only wreaths of smoke over the blackened ruin of forest and and went after the horse thieves." home told the tale.

This morning, after 120 years, we gazed with some emotion at the awful surroundings of precipitous rocky cliffs and descended into the living craters, into the clouds of steam, stepping carefully on the hot crust of lava and sulphur, which burned the soles of our soots. On all sides the miniature craters boiled and thundered with terrifying noises from the center of the mountain. What would be our fate should this fruil coating of lava and ashes break

One of our party, a champagne man-ufacturer from Rheims, evidently fond of a "fizz," foolishly poked with his stick above one of these bubbling gey-

The effect was instantaneous and aw ful; the earth was rent with a horrible noise of an explosion; he was thrown down, scalded with boiling water, red-hot lava and sulphur. We fell on our hands, expecting instant destruction; but the one burst was the end, and we hastened to our companion, who was badly, though not fatally injured. We left the award spot, whilst the geyser spit forth and roared like an enraged beast. Volcanoes are interesting to read about and explore, but, like buzz saws, are dangerous to meddle with.

is a typical western character. He knows every inch of ground between Phoenix and the Navajo reservation, and has bad hairbreadth escapes by the dozen. He returned recently from a trip to the Mogollones and had quite a rough time. He left Fort McDowell and went up to the Gerde and through quicksand, high water and other drawbacks; was three and a half days with-out food, himself and horse, and traveled in that time eighty-three miles. He reports a terrible condition of affairs in the ranges of that section. It is dever than ever before known, and cattle are perishing by hundreds. At one place he was in a box canyon and observed that cattle which came to drink were so weak and exhausted that on coming to the creek they fell into the water, some of them drowning and others drinking so much that they could not walk.

The country is utterly barren of feed. and cattle walk lowing over the mesas, cropping brush and anything that bears signs of vegetable life. Mr. Duchet was near a cliff at least three hundred feet high over the Verde, on Murray's ranch, and saw a cow walking slowly toward the edge. He expected to see it stop at a reasonable distance, but inwithout slacking its pace, it walked right over the edge, striking two or three times in the precipitous descent and landing mangled and dead. It was as clear a case of suicide as ever occurred. Other cattle have been known to walk into quicksand and be smothered.

LONGEVITY OF TREES.

The Forest Monarche Live for Thousands of Years.

Prof. Abbott estimates the age of the Woodbridge oak at about two thousand years. During the revolutionary war Lafayette and his army rested under its limbs. Its remains are now in the form of seats for the Quinniplac club. I do not know that anybody in all the world cares who the Quinniples club may be, but we reverenced the Woodbridge cak, says a writer in the St. Logis Globe-Democrat. An oak in Marion county, Fla., is reported as measuring over ten feet diameter and spreading its branches over a diameter of 128 feet.

A California sequola felled in Cala-veras county had a diameter of 15 feet at the height of 135 feet above the earth. The German forestry report makes the maximum age of European forest trees to be not above 800 years, except in rare cases. The pine is stated to reach 500 to see years; the silver fir attains an age frequently of over 400 years; the birch stops at 200 and the red birch at about

250 YEARS. Oaks begin to decay at the heart when about 200 years old, the holly oak excepted, which goes on to above 400. Soutch firs are known to live from 200 to 300 years. The sequolas, however, are estimated to have covered 3,000

Serenaded by Twenty Thousand Swallows The swallow nuisance continues with unabated rigor at the Naval academy, Aunapolis. From eight thousand to twenty thousand swallows gather every evening in the five or six maple trees to

front of the superintendent's residence and make evening and morning hideous with their cries. All efforts to drive them away have failed, and a bell and gong are kept going at intervals to drive the pests from the two trees next the superintendent's house. Every year from the 15th of July to October this disagreeable rendezvous is maintained

by the swallows.
TAKEN FOR HORSE THIEVES. A Remance and Tragedy on the Frontier

Border of Texas-"The most pathetic scene I ever wit-nessed," said a Texas judge to a representative of the St. Louis Globe-Demoit is as plain to my eyes to-day as it was then. We had been bothered by horse thieves down on the frontier, and you know what that means in a wild country. A crowd of us started out after the scoundrels, and just before we reached the Rio Grande we saw two horsemen off to the left, who acted suspiciously. After them we went, and it was a pretty race for awhile till they disappeared behind a clump of trees. We had shot to stop them, and when we got in sight again we found that one horse had been shot, and they had deserted him, while both were riding the other. They were evidently Mexicans, -a man and a boy-and the man showed fight, turning and firing at us, finally hitting our deputy sheriff. We gained on them rapidly, and presently a well-directed fire sent them all in a heap. When we reached them the 'boy' was kneeling in front of the dying Mexican, sobbing and mouning as if her heart would break, while her hair, which had fallen from her cap, fell below her waist. It was a case of elopement, and they had taken us for her father's servants, while we had been equally stupid and had taken them for horse thieves. When he began to gasp she drew a littie pearl-handled revolver, and before anyone could think of stopping her placed the muzzle under her ear and fell into his arms, a corpse. No, we never

THREE-TOED GAME.

The Tapir Is a Difficult Animal to Find and to Capture.

In the wilder part of South America you can bag a deer or a wild hog al-most any day if you set wisely about it, but months may pass without even the sight of a tapir, though you may be in their haunts continually.
You see plenty of unmistakable three-

toed tracks, and now and again you may hear tapirs moving in the forestnot leaping through openings between the vines and branches as a deer does, nor pushing the brush aside like a jaguar, but es shing their way by sheer strength, with a great crackling of twigs, says St. Nicholas.

It is almost useless to follow tracks or sound; clumsy as the animals appear, they can race through the underbrush faster than a dog can follow, and they are so keen of sight and scent and so prone to concealment that even the most experienced hunter rarely catches sight of one in the daytime, unless by accident. The best plan is to lie in wait for them, as the lithe and crafty jaguar does, by their dvinking and watering places, and this must be done at night.

I may as well add here that tapirs are common all over South and Central America except the thickly-settled regions and the Pacific coast. Naturalists distinguish several species, differing mainly in size and the structure of the bones, but they are much alike. All go singly, or in bands generally of two or three, and feed on fruits and leaves.

INSANITY AND GENIUS. The Fundamental Cause of Both Is Ex-

cessive Nervous Energy. "It is generally held in science that the average man is the soundest man, for it is upon him that nature relies for the continuance of the species, and not upon extremes of variations," said Dr. A. MacDonald the other evening before the Washington Anthropological society, according to the Post of that city. Human abnormality might be divided into three general forms, insanity,

genius and crime. The conclusion is not that geniuses are insane, but that great talents are not given to men without some cost to the healthy equilibrium of nerve and brain. If it be objected that these morbid symptoms are very common among the dullards and weak minded, this would indicate that they are as far below the average as the geniuses are above.

In saying that genius manifests the symptoms of a nervous or mental disease we mean an excessive nervous or brain action. Many forms of insanity are also manifestations of similar excessive action. Such action in one individual can give rise to most wonderful, original and brilliant ideas, and we call it genius. In another individual it produces also wonderful and original houghts, but often highly absurd, and we call it insanity. But it appears that in general the fundamental cause in both genius and insanity is the samethat is, it is excessive mental or nervous energy.

QUEER DUCAL STONE. . Spiteful Act of a Nobleman Endowed with Seant Nobitity.

In a shady lane near Totnes the attention of visitors is attracted by at all cross of the finest Aberdeen granite,

which, together with a ponderous sinb of the same material, occupies the cor-ner of a field. On it is inscribed the name and arms of the late duke of omerset, with the following extraordinary lines at the fact: "The twelfth duke was the Sheridan duke. He derouded and nearly rained the Seymour

"This stone was prepared by the thirteenth duke in his lifetime, and was erected here in pursuance of his ex-press directions." It appears that the duke, who died last year, suffered all his life from an idee fixe concerning some imaginary wrong done by his pred-ecessor, and the obnoxious headstone was refused admittance to Berry Pomeroy churchyard, though a fund was left in perpetuity for its maintenance, and it cost over one handred pounds ster-

As a matter of fact the twelfth duke was a man of considerable talent. The Miss Sheridan he married figured as the queen of beauty in the Eglinton tourament, and in no way deserved the aspersions thus east upon her by this in-excusable act of posthumous spite. The "Somerset stone" was visited during the summer by thousands of tourists.

SERMONS WEAR OUT.

Even Good Ones Had Better Be Burned After Being Preached a Few Times. "It is a very long time since I preached a written sermon in the pulpit," says the bishop of London, according to the Times of that city, "but when I did preach written sermons, which I did for a considerable number of years, I always used to find that if I had preached the same sermon in different places, say, five times, I had had enough of it—whether other people had had enough of it or not. I became thoroughly tired of the whole thing, and was obliged to turn my mind to something altogether different; and I have always advised preachers, after having preached a discourse a certain number of times, without laying down how long they might have been in doing it to burn such sermons. I am convinced myself that the best way always is to write your sermon three times over and then to burn it and preach what you remember of it. But even that will not do when you give up writing sermons, and when you come to speaking, not withwhen you come to speaking, not with-out previous preparation, but without any previous writing of it. It will not do simply to burn what notes you have written, because then the words stay in your mind, and if you have to speak out, they come whether you want them or not. They are ready and the occasion seems to present itself, and the words seem as if they had a sort of independent action of their own, and they say: 'Here's my place,' and out

SELECTING A HAT.

they come."

An Expert Tells flow to Do It in the

There is a point on every man's head where that particular man should wear his hat, says the Outfitter. Some men can wear their hats well down, close to the eyebrows, and look well in doing so. Other men's appearance would be fatally ruined by wearing their hats so low.

Now and then a man can adopt an irregular pose for his hat, sideways, "down in front," or a little back, and not lose caste as a reputable member of society. All the same, whatever posi-tion of the hat is found to be becoming

and comfortable should be adhered to, not reach and stop at that point. In determining the proper hat bearwell as the front view of one's self with the hat on. The hat should come down

low enough to take a firm grip on the

head when the wind blows.

The Toothless Tortoise. Very few people know that neither a turtle nor a tortoise nor a toad is provided with teeth, remarks an exchange. There is a general superstition that a turtle can bite off a man's finger, but the turtle can do nothing of the kind, Its faws are very strong, and the horny membrane that runs around the jaw, where in other animals teeth are found, is so hard and tough that the turtle can crush the bones of the hand to pulp, but as for biting off even a finger the feat is, to the turtle, an impossibility.



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